

# **State of Utah**DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES Division of Oil, Gas & Mining

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# **Inspection Report**

Supervisor V

**Minerals Regulatory Program** 

Report Date: November 9, 2006

Mine Name: Hardaway	Permit number: M0470072				
Operator Name: Ziegler Chemical and Mineral	Inspection Date: October 31, 2006				
Inspector(s): Paul Baker Other Participants: None Mine Status: Reclaimed	Time: 1	:30-1:50 PM			
Elements of Inspection	Evaluated	Comment	Enforcement		
<ol> <li>Permits, Revisions, Transfer, Bonds</li> <li>Public Safety (shafts, adits, trash, signs, highwalls)</li> <li>Protection of Drainages / Erosion Control</li> <li>Deleterious Material</li> <li>Roads (maintenance, surfacing, dust control, safety)</li> <li>Concurrent Reclamation</li> <li>Backfilling/Grading (trenches, pits, roads,</li> <li>Soils</li> <li>Revegetation</li> <li>Other</li> <li>Purpose of Inspection:</li> </ol>					
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**Inspection Summary:** 7. Backfilling and Grading

There are two trenches on the hill to the north of the mine (Photos 1 and 2), and there is also some waste Gilsonite (Photo 3). These areas do not appear to have been regraded.

#### 9. Revegetation

The trenches are basically revegetated with volunteer vegetation.

I was in the area and wanted to re-examine vegetation cover.

The mine site in the bottom of the canyon has essentially no desirable vegetation (Photo 4). While surrounding areas have a lot of cheatgrass and other weeds, they also have some native shrubs, particularly greasewood. I did not attempt to measure vegetation cover in any of these areas.

### **Conclusions and Recommendations:**

I recommend that the operator make another attempt to revegetate the mine site. Right now would be a good time to do this: the area has had recent rain, so cheatgrass has probably germinated, and scarifying the surface would kill much of the cheatgrass and allow more perennial species to become established.

I do not recommend that the trenches be regraded. The disturbances are small, and regrading would kill most of the established vegetation.

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## **ATTACHMENT**

# **Photographs**

M0470072, Hardaway Mine, Ziegler Chemical and Mineral

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Photo 1. One of the two trenches on the hill above the mine site.



Photo 2. The other trench.



Photo 3. Waste Gilsonite on the hill above the mine.



Photo 4. The mine site is below the road in this photo. Note the Gilsonite trench on the canyon wall.